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**Associate Dean Goodwin Liu Nominated  
to Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals**

SAN FRANCISCO – President Obama has nominated Associate Dean and Professor of Law Goodwin Liu of the University of California, Berkeley School of Law (Boalt Hall), to serve as a judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

The White House announced the nomination of Prof. Liu today. If confirmed by the Senate, he would fill a judgeship created on January 21, 2009 by Public Law 110-177.

Prof. Liu has been a member of the Berkeley Law faculty since 2003. Prior to that, he was an appellate litigator at the law firm of O'Melveny & Myers in Washington. He served as a special assistant to the deputy secretary, U.S. Department of Education, and as a senior program officer for higher education, Corporation for National Service, AmeriCorps.

Prof. Liu received his B.S. from Stanford University in 1991; his M.A. from Oxford University in 1993; and his J.D. from Yale Law School in 1998. He clerked for Associate Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg of the Supreme Court and for Circuit Judge David Tatel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit.

Prof. Liu is a Rhodes Scholar and was elected to the American Law Institute in 2008. He serves on the boards of trustees of Stanford University and of the National Women's Law Center. Prof. Liu is chair of the board of directors of the American Constitution Society.

The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals hears appeals of cases decided by federal trial courts and certain executive branch administrative agencies in nine western states and two Pacific Island jurisdictions. The court reported 12,211 appeals filed in fiscal year 2009.

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